

AMERICAN LEAGUE

WILL MEET MARCH 5

Johnson Says He Has Secured New York Grounds.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—President Ban Johnson has called the spring meeting of the American League for next Thursday, March 5, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. This announcement was made yesterday by Hector Clemes, a director of the Washington Club, who makes his headquarters in this city.

At this meeting Johnson will make known the location of the local American League grounds. Apparently the Americans have not yet given up the idea of playing on Manhattan Island. Max Fleischmann, one of the owners of the Cincinnati club, last month beat several suits of clothes with National League men that the Americans would play on Manhattan Island.

At the recent meeting in Chicago the ground question came up, and Johnson is reported to have said to Fleischmann, "Max, you win all your bets."

President Harry Pulliam, of the National League, returned to the city yesterday from Philadelphia, where he had been assisting Barney Dreyfuss in the matter of the sale of the Phillies to a syndicate represented by Dreyfuss.

"The sale has not yet been made," said Pulliam, "but everything is moving smoothly, and I think we can expect the transfer of the club in a few days."

Pulliam is not yet ready to issue the call for the meeting of the National League, which, it was unofficially announced, would be held next Monday at the Hotel Victoria. He may do so today. Speaking of the recent conference in Chicago between the two leagues on the playing rules, Pulliam said yesterday:

"To avoid any clash on the interpretation of the rules between umpires and field captains, I shall call a meeting of the umpires two days before the season opens to construe the rules. Everything will be put in writing for the umpires, and will also be made public, so that there can be no possible hitch on the rules."

MILD REFORM DEMANDS

PLEASE ABDUL HAMID

Sultan Believes His Empire Has Received New Lease of Life.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 28.—It is stated on the best authority that when the foreign ambassadors solemnly read to the Sultan the text of the Austro-Russian note demanding reforms in Macedonia, Abdul Hamid could hardly conceal his joy over the insignificance of the provisions in the note and the ease with which they could be evaded.

"Since that time the Sultan has been in better temper than he has shown for years. He believes that his empire has received a new lease of life, and had an opera company give a private performance of "Il Trovatore" at the palace as a celebration.

FATAL FIRE IN CHURCH

OF ENGLAND ARMY SHELTER

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The building erected by the Church of England Army, an organization similar to the Salvation Army, for the shelter of the poor, was destroyed by fire this morning. There were 300 persons in the building when the flames were discovered.

Several are missing, and it is feared they have lost their lives. The body of one has already been recovered.

GERMANS GIVEN THE MITTEN

FORM COMMON MISERY CLUB

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—The old adage that misery loves company has been exemplified at Zehlendorf, a suburb of Berlin. A number of men who have been bereft, but whose engagements have been broken off, have formed themselves into a club.

The specific aim of the club has not yet been made public.

HUNDREDS OF PAUPER

GRAVES FOUND EMPTY

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 28.—The conspiracy to swindle the county in the matter of burying paupers is more extensive than at first supposed. The investigating committee has opened 321 pauper graves, and found 225 empty coffins.

APACHES PUNISHED.

Gang of Parisian Toughs Severely Handled in London.

Sir Forrest Fulton had before him at the Old Bailey a singularly infamous case of robbery with violence by two aliens—Eugene Bellanger, aged twenty-eight, and Louis Frederick Bodiere, thirty-two, members of the notorious gang of Paris ruffians known as the "Apaches." Bellanger had been convicted eight times in Paris, and was eventually banished from France for ten years. He came to England as a matter of course. Bodiere had also a black record, having been convicted in France eleven times for offenses of an infamous character. Both men resided in Soho, and the chief source of their income, according to the police evidence, was the earnings of women leading dissipated lives.

When they wanted more money than they could get by this means they resorted to robbery. A young French woman was shopping in Soho when these two ruffians thrust her up against a wall, robbed her of £15, tripped her up, and made off.

For this offense they were brought up yesterday before the recorder, who was informed by the police that some of the witnesses who appeared at the magisterial inquiry had fled the country owing to threats made by the "Apaches" to murder them if they appeared at the Old Bailey. Letters containing these threats were produced in court.

The men were found guilty and the recorder pronounced upon each of them a sentence of seven years' penal servitude, which means, of course, that the ratepayers will now have to support them.—London Express.

CHAMPION M'CHESNEY

BOUGHT BY SMATHERS

Sporting Horseman Buys Western Crack.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 28.—E. E. Smathers, the New York trotting horse turfman, last night bought the champion of the Western turf, McChesney, for \$30,000. Asked as to the purchase, Mr. Smathers said:

"Well, there are no strings to the sale at all. I bought McChesney for \$30,000 cash. Of course, I would like to get on a match with Hermis, but that was not my object. I like a good horse, and from McChesney's record and what has been told me here, I believe I have got a good horse.

"I will race him in the West, and if he trains on all right will take him to the Saratoga meeting. The horse was not entered in any of the Eastern handicaps, owing to the uncertainty of Mr. Durnell's standing in the East. The Saratoga entries, however, have not yet closed, and I will be able to get him in some of the handicaps there.

"As to Hermis, I would like to have a match, but I want it distinctly stated that I did not buy McChesney to match him with Hermis or any other horse. He is in some events at Memphis, and I will let Durnell train him through that meeting. What arrangements I may hereafter make I do not know."

C. C. Christie, president of the new Kansas City Jockey Club, which promises to be an addition to Western racing, was here today the guest of Mr. Smathers. Mr. Christie, it was stated, has no pecuniary interest in McChesney.

NO DATE FIXED YET FOR

LAUNCH OF SHAMROCK III

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Sir Thomas Lipton, who has just arrived here from Nice, says he intends going to Glasgow next Tuesday to make the final arrangements and fix the date for the launch of Shamrock III.

He added that all reports thus far as to the date of the launch were conjectural, as he will not be able to settle on the time until he sees the builders and discusses the situation at Glasgow.

CANADA NOT OPPOSED

TO OUR COMMISSION

Senator Turner of Washington So Assures President Roosevelt.

Senator Turner of Washington was a caller at the White House offices today. He puts no stock in the reports from Canada that that government will interpose objections to the personnel of the Alaskan boundary commission. All that has appeared in print on that line, the Senator thinks, is merely the opinion of radical editors who desire to use line tactics for home consumption.

The Senator is planning to leave for his home on the Pacific Coast as soon as he can get away from his duties at the Capitol. After some weeks spent there, he expects to go to London for the first session of the tribunal. If Secretary Root goes with the President on his proposed hunting trip, he will then go direct to London afterward. According to the terms of the international agreement, the commissioners must meet in London within sixty days after the concluding of preliminary arrangements through diplomatic channels here and at London.

TURKISH REVENUE COUNCIL'S

DECREE TO BE ARBITRATED

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 28.—The Sultan disputes the right of the council of administration, which supervises the Turkish revenues in the interest of European bondholders, to increase the rate of interest on Turkish debts. The matter has been referred to arbitration.

POPE TO ISSUE JUBILEE

ENCYCLICAL OF THANKS

ROME, Feb. 28.—The Pope has decided after his jubilee to address to the rulers and faithful of the world an encyclical containing his thanks for the demonstrations of cordiality received by him.

The letter will also contain what will be his testament in religious, political, and social affairs.

KING LEOPOLD MAY VISIT

UNITED STATES NEXT YEAR

BRUSSELS, Feb. 28.—A dispatch from Drexler says that King Leopold has not as yet fixed upon a date for his contemplated visit to the United States, but that he may go there in 1904, as he desires to see the St. Louis Exposition.

WRESTLING TONIGHT AT

THE EMPIRE THEATER

A wrestling match between Billy Reagan, of the South End Athletic Club, and Frank Williams, of the Potomac Athletic Club, will take place at the Empire Theater tonight after the regular performance. The bout will be to a finish, best two out of three falls. There has been much rivalry between the men for some time, and it is to settle the question of superiority that they will meet tonight. They have wrestled several times before, and honors have been about even.

AIR BATHS.

"Air baths" are all the rage in fashionable Berlin just now. We all know what necessary factors light and air are for the maintenance of health. The Berlin air baths have the great advantage of being pleasant as well as healthful, and many of the society women of the German capital have taken them up. Even the tiniest children are taken to these "baths," as well as young girls and more elderly women.

The main object, of course, is the exercise of both the muscles and the lungs at the same time, and the nondescript kind of bathing dress worn allows the women a delightful sense of freedom while practicing their gymnastic feats or playing at gardening in the grounds. It is scarcely necessary to add that the garden is kept as secluded as possible. Surrounded by high walls, it is situated in a quiet locality just outside the city.—Golden Penny.

PUGILISTS LOOK TO BUTTE TOURNAMENT

Project on Foot to Convert the Local Racetrack Into Mammoth Arena.

BUTTE, Mon., Feb. 28.—The biggest thing ever launched in Butte or Montana sporting circles is now almost in shape to be sprung. The plan contemplated is to make the racetrack the scene of all pugilistic battles. It is proposed to involve a large plot of ground around the grandstand and judges' box, and to build a stage and boxes in the former parade ground immediately in front of the grandstand. This will be made to accommodate nearly 10,000 persons, and, with big matches, will more than pay expenses of getting the principals here and the guarantee of large purses.

Already \$25,000 has been subscribed by business men of Butte, and with this for a starter the rest is expected to be easy. Since the Jeffries-Munroe fight Butte has become widely known in pugilistic circles, and already well known scoundrels of the lighter classes have either signed to fight here or have signified their willingness to fight if a good purse is guaranteed.

The men who are behind the movement have plenty of money, and it is proposed by them to subscribe enough to guarantee the purses offered. If the receipts at the gate will pay these their guarantee.

OFFICERS WIN TWO FROM

ELEVENTH STREET TEAM

In the Railway Relief Association League last night the Officers' quint won two games of the set bowled against the Eleventh Street team. The work of both sides was above the standard of the league, not a total falling below 750, while the winners succeeded in running two strings over the 800 mark.

Brown was high man, with an average of 187, and his 214 was high single. Moffatt was second high average man, with 155, while Ballinger's 191 single was next best. The scores:

Officers.	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	Total.
Ham	175	154	148	477	
Moffatt	167	169	160	496	
Lackey	121	117	150	388	
Lee	164	143	148	455	
Brown	180	168	214	562	
Totals	826	772	820	2,418	
11th Street.	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	Total.
Reich	182	176	191	449	
Ballinger	147	144	191	482	
Pietze	168	149	154	471	
Johnson	151	145	155	451	
Speer	143	178	126	447	
Total	796	762	755	2,313	

YALE AND HARVARD

FIX UP AGREEMENT

All Controversy Pertaining to Future Athletics Amicably Settled.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 28.—Yale and Harvard have come to a working agreement for their future athletic relations. The joint conference committees met here yesterday in both afternoon and evening sessions.

Late last night Walter Camp, the Yale athletic director, announced that the conference, which has been in progress for more than a year, have culminated in a decision that the two universities shall continue to meet in all branches of athletics indefinitely. The detailed form of agreement was not signed tonight.

It was announced after the conference ended that a full set of eligibility rules, with the exception of three, had been agreed upon. Two are unimportant, but the third is more difficult and weighty. It was announced that the Glass case did not come up for discussion, forming no part of the debate.

COMMISSIONERS TRIM NAVY

YARD IN THREE GAMES

The Commissioners last night won the full set from the Navy Yard team in the Departmental League. The latter team has failed to win a game from the Commissioners this season. This does not necessarily mean that its bowling is inferior to that of all the other teams, as it holds the highest team total, and one of its members, Fritz, is the holder of the highest individual score of the city. But when these teams meet the Commissioners bowl well enough to win by a few pins.

Parker was high man with 195 average, while Myers was high man with 222. Crist was next high average man, with 190, while Barr's 215 single was second best. The score:

Commissioners.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Barr	210	180	169	559
Nelligan	178	143	206	527
Smith	159	168	201	528
Parker	178	201	205	584
Myers	155	222	136	513
Totals	885	915	917	2,717
Navy Yard.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Talbert	160	132	153	445
Shaughnessy	160	130	144	434
Renner	178	169	160	507
Fritz	165	180	154	499
Crist	183	212	175	570
Totals	854	883	786	2,523

POLICE REVOLVER TEAM

WILL MEET NATIONALS

Major Sylvester today announced the names of the successful candidates for the team of policemen who will take part in the revolver match with the National Rifle Association at National Rifle Association tonight. The team consists of the following: J. C. Bunn, J. W. McCormick, J. T. Kennedy, J. T. Newkirk, D. E. Langley, W. H. Buckingham, A. Mellon, C. R. Samson, Robert Barbee, and Eugene Davis; alternates, C. L. Bode and W. H. Curtis.

C. C. A. V. S. CARROLL INSTITUTE

The Cuthbert Class Athletic Association and Carroll Institute teams play a championship game of basketball at the latter's gymnasium tonight. As the Cuthberts have improved a great deal of late, a good exhibition is promised.

anteer will stand for other events, and if not enough is realized to make good, their money will be used to make up the difference.

The rearrangement of the racetrack is not the only plan the promoters have in view. This will be used temporarily, as there will not be time enough to put up a structure in time for the Munroe-Sharkey fight. It is probable that a large and permanent pavilion will be erected immediately, and this will be used not only for the mills, but also for other events that will require a large seating space.

The first big event scheduled in the new scheme will be in the form of a tournament. Several years ago this was done, and now it is proposed to have three big matches in three classes.

The first of these will be in the lightweight class, and Jimmy Britt has already agreed to fight the winner of the Herrera-Clifford fight. In the welterweight class it is proposed to have a go between Matty Matthews and either Mose Lafontese or Young Gibbs, and then will come the encounter between Sharkey and Munroe.

Billy Guion is active in promoting the deal.

BUSINESS MEN DROP THREE

TO THE GOLDEN EAGLES

The Golden Eagles set a rattling pace for the South Washington Business Men in the District League last night, and won the series. Two of the games bowled by the winners showed totals of 916 and 901, while in their third game the Eagles ran up 873, eleven more pins than did its opponent.

Bunn was high average man, with 190, and made high single, with 317. Armstrong was second high man, with 184 average, while Cobey's 202 single was next best. The scores:

Golden Eagles.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Krauss	177	177	151	505
Pearson	159	197	187	543
Brandt	186	169	157	512
Dunn	217	175	179	571
Landsdale	177	183	165	525
Totals	916	901	873	2,690
Bus. Men.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Kidd	192	159	175	526
Cobey	202	166	174	542
Leimbach	142	120	157	419
Bishop	162	172	184	518
Armstrong	152	199	162	513
Totals	887	817	862	2,566

MORTON CADETS LOSE TO

Y. M. C. A. AT BASKETBALL

The Y. M. C. A. defeated the Morton Cadets in a District League game of basketball last night by the score of 17 to 7. The local association boys played all around the cadets and looked winners at all stages of the game. McQueen, Bopp, and Garner carried off the honors for the Y. M. C. A., the first two named basketing the leather three times and the latter twice. For the losers Rice and Curran played the best games. The line-up:

Y. M. C. A. Position. Morton.
McQueen.....F.....Curran
Garner.....R. F.....Baum
Bopp.....Center.....Rice
James.....L. B.....Cham
Hughes.....R. B.....Hughes
Field goals—McQueen, 3; Garner, 2; Bopp, 3; Curran, 1; Rice, 1. Free throws—Rice, 3; James, 1. Umpires—Hildreth and Bonnet. Referee—Downey. Score—McQueen.

YANKEE FIGHTERS GET

AN OVATION IN PARIS

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Two American fighters, "Kid" Lavigne, of Saginaw, light-weight, and French Osborne, 126-pound champion, have arrived in Paris from the United States.

They received an ovation from the boxing fraternity of this city and arrangements are being made for a series of boxing contests on the American style at the fashionable sporting clubs of Paris, where the presence of American pugilists is the sporting event of the season. American sportsmen resident here are offering to back them freely.

A GLASS DISEASE.

A peculiar "glass disease" has broken out among the windows of York Cathedral. Some of the thirteenth and fourteenth century glass in the edifice has been removed in order to arrest the "disease." The outbreak is ascribed to a fungus. The glass appears to be perforated to such an extent that portions of the glass yield on the slightest touch. Moreover, the transparency of the glass has to a great extent disappeared—in short, the glass here and there exhibits no longer the properties of glass. It is evident that some kind of chemical action has been established, due, perhaps, to the life and habits of a specific fungus. Organisms are known, of course, which assimilate silica, for the vast deposits of pure silica occurring in a very fine state of division in various parts of Germany consist of the scales of extinct diatoms.

Some years ago we drew attention to the disintegrating powers possessed by certain species of bacteria which attack even the hardest cement with success. The gradual but sure crumbling of the cement used in water reservoirs has been traced to the operation of countless tiny organisms. The action was at first regarded as being due to the solvent property of carbonic acid and other substances commonly present in water. Under the action of the bacteria the cement slowly resolved into soft mud. The action ceases in the absence of nitrifiable material, and the view is that nitrifying acid is produced which acts upon the cement lining of the water reservoir. Clearly the destructive potentialities of low forms of life are great, both for good and for evil.—London Lancet.

Any kind of leaky roofs made watertight or positively no charge. Mitchell Roofing Co., first floor, Kellogg Building.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NEARBY STATES

VIRGINIA NOTES.

NORFOLK AND VICINITY.

A New Trial Denied.

Judge Waddill, of the United States court at Norfolk, yesterday denied a new trial in the case of John L. Gay, of Franklin, Va., against Wiley Barker & Co., of New York, in his suit for \$5,000 damages, in which plaintiff has been awarded \$1,400.

Auditor Force Removed.

The auditor force of the Old Dominion Steamship Company will be today removed from Norfolk to New York.

Car Repairs Hurt.

At Lambert's Point, F. T. Moore and L. P. Bowles, car repairers, were seriously, if not fatally, injured by a car which had been struck by a shifting engine and sent down the track.

Want Discharge Set Aside.

The City Bank of Newport News filed a petition in the United States court at Norfolk asking that the discharge in bankruptcy recently granted to Stall & Son, former bankers of Newport News, be set aside.

The Tryon Labeled.

Captain Cleghorn, of the British steamer Briardale, which picked up the schooner S. C. Tryon in a disabled condition at sea and towed her to Norfolk Monday, has filed a libel against the schooner, claiming \$2,500 salvage.

Damage Suit for Loss of Arm.

H. Baumeister yesterday entered suit against the Newport News Publishing Company for \$10,000 damages. His son, John Baumeister, lost an arm while running a press in the "Times-Herald" pressroom.

No News of Mate Longstreet.

Nothing has yet been learned of the whereabouts of First Mate Longstreet, of the schooner Eagle Wings, who has disappeared.

Union Veteran Dead.

James Colgan, of Hampton, a Union veteran of the civil war, died yesterday, sixty-three years old. A widow and two daughters survive him.

Y. M. C. A. Convention.

The State convention of the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday elected Dr. Livins Lankford, of Norfolk, to be president.

RICHMOND.

The Campbell Case.

Judge Clarence J. Campbell will be removed from the bench of Amherst county unless the general assembly shall fail to adopt a joint resolution which the committee for courts of justice will recommend. The committee held a three-hour executive session last night and decided the case, but adopted a resolution of secrecy and adjourned to next Wednesday, when the two reports will be signed.

Work of the Legislature.

The Virginia house yesterday passed the bill to put into operation the corporation commission recently elected in pursuance of the provision of the new constitution. An amendment, leaving to the commissioners' discretion the matter of having separate waiting rooms for the white and colored races and separate cars on the suburban railway lines, aroused objection, and was defeated.

Bond Forfeited.

J. M. Pellegrini, who, with William Phelps, was to have been tried in the Hustings court today for conducting a gambling house, failed to appear, and his \$500 bond, on which Mrs. Lucy Mannoni is surety, was declared forfeited. The case went over until the next term.

Senator LeCato Convalescent.

Senator George W. LeCato, of Accomac, who has been ill for several months from paralysis, yesterday appeared on the floor of the senate. He has been South for several weeks, and has almost completely recovered.

Forger Blanton Pardoned.

Governor Montague has granted several pardons, including one to James P. Blanton, who was sent to the penitentiary from Lynchburg for ten years for forgery. Blanton is ill with consumption.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Fire in Sussex County.

The storehouse of W. W. Freeman & Co., at Yale, Sussex county, was entirely destroyed by fire Thursday. Loss about \$8,000, partly covered by insurance.

Thrown Under His Wagon.

Frank Beberick, a farmer of Chesterfield county, while coming to Petersburg yesterday with a heavy load of peanuts, was thrown from and run over by his wagon. His injuries may prove fatal.

Tragedy at Lawrenceville.

At Lawrenceville, William Rice, a negro head waiter of the Southern Hotel, was found dead late